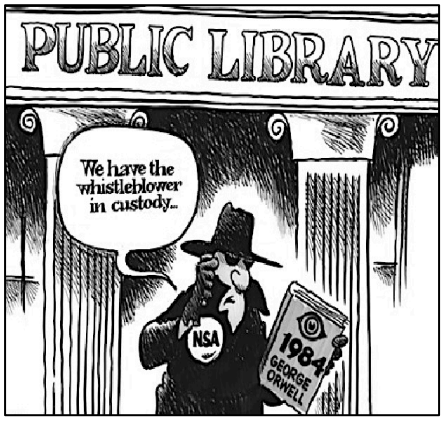
Doccupy Film Series
Surveillance State USA

Wednesday, January 29th, 2014, 7-10pm
Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave. Venice

Moderator: Rob Dew – robbiedew@yahoo.com
Speakers: Jess Farris – ACLU.org, Policy and Advocacy Counsel where she is focused on privacy/surveillance and criminal justice issues
Hamid Khan – Stoplapdspying.org, Emilio Lacques - Stoplapdspying.org
Poetry: Mark Lipman **Installation Art:** - Missy Galore

Occupy Venice Announcements

Mondays	Occupy Venice General Assembly, Beyond Baroque, 7:30pm
3rd Tuesdays	Venice Neighborhood Council, Westminster elementary, 7:30-9pm
Wednesday's	Children Occupy the Garden, Venice Learning Garden, Call Eleu 424-298-0777
February 1	LACAN meeting, Chuco's Justice Center, 1137 E. Redondo Blvd, Inglewood
February 11	Day We Fight Back.org – On day Aaron Swartz passing worldwide joint action opposing FISA Improvements Act and in support of USA Freedom ACT
February 19	Occupy Venice Film Series, Electric Lodge, Topic: Occupy Hollywood
March	LA City Human Relations Commission Public Hearing on LAPD SAR policy
April 4	Worldwide Wave of Action: 3 months of autonomous non-violent action



THANK YOU Cinephile Video, 11280 Santa Monica Blvd
Zelda's Deli, 9 Westminster Ave. Venice
Hal's Bar, 1349 Abbot Kinney (After Party)
Joel Shapiro, Drea Stobke, Electric Lodge

FOLLOW UP Workshop: Sign up list going around
Action: Feb. 3, 12pm. at Google, 340 Main

FACEBOOK Stop LAPD Spying, ACLU.org
Occupy Venice Beach Film Series

SCHEDULE

6:45-7:15	Dining, Mingling		
7:15	Intro, Announcements		
7:30	Clip 1: Architecture of Oppression ~Clark Davis		15:00
7:45	Speaker: Jess Farris, ACLU		
8:00	*Audience Questions*		
8:15	Clip 2	Minority Report Fiction ~rutherford.org	5:15
	Clip 3	Why Care about the NSA? ~NY Times	5:15
8:30	Clip 4	Cointel Pro 101 - History lesson	4:10
8:35	Speaker: Hamid Khan, Power Point - 05		
9:00	*Audience Questions*		
9:15	Clip 6	SO 1 with Sherriff	2:30
9:20	Actions and Solutions, Emilio Lacques presentation		
	Clip 8 (optional)	Day we Fight back	5:10

~Sponsored by the Venice Neighborhood Council and Occupy Venice~

***OVERVIEW**: Thanks to Edward Snowden, millions of people as well as many governments have woken up to the fact that privacy is the vital component of free societies. Without that basic right we are unable to freely read, write, speak, plan and associate without fear of being watched, our every thought and utterance stored up to be potentially used against us at some nebulous future date. Such panoptic global surveillance leads inevitably to self-censorship and is corrosive to our basic freedoms. A free democratic society cannot tolerate mass surveillance and remain free.*

"The individual liberties preserved in the US Constitution were no longer a consideration at the NSA." ~W. Binney

National Surveillance State Issues

- Government support mass data collection and monitoring of an entire population despite no proof of efficacy and detriment to actual national security due to the size
- President's Bush and Obama have circumvented the Constitution with secret courts
- Created an explosion in the private cyber security/espionage industry which collaborates with NSA for profit and are staffed by its former employees
- The need and use of surveillance has spread to other countries and corporations
- Massive Data collection can only benefit law enforcement in a Police State scenario
- Surveillance is altering the trajectory of the internet toward walls and security and away from net neutrality and equal access for all people

Local LAPD Surveillance Issues

- Special Order 1 mandates opening investigations based on 'Speculative Policing'
- iWATCH snitch program encourages: "See something, Say something"
- Community Policing program pacifies local communities and advocates snitching
- Infiltration of organizations and assuming fictitious identities is now allowed
- Militarization of police forces with armored equipment, riot gear and tactics
- Intrusive Advanced technology proliferating

  -Stingray: portable spy gadget used covertly by the authorities for 2 decades to trick phones within a targeted area into hopping onto a fake network.

  -Trap Wire: identifies, records, and analyzes suspicious behavior associated with 'pre-attack surveillance' *www.trapwire.com*

  -Facial Recognition Software: so common it's available for download on web

Facts

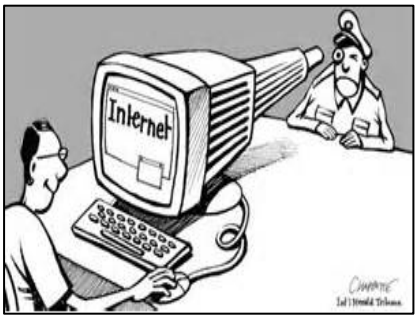
-52.6 billion for the Black Budget: Covert action, Surveillance, Counterintelligence
-NSA gathers an estimated 2.1 million gigabytes on all of us every single hour of every day.
-Dramatic challenges to the US constitution have extended over 13 years and 2 presidents
-Video surveillance market projected to grow 24.89 percent over the period 2013-2018.
-1% of the information from Snowden has been released.
-Only 53% of citizens now oppose the spying program in January 2014 polls, up from 44%
-0% Increase in terrorists' attempts thwarted by mass surveillance
-Only 4 members of Congress are regularly briefed on intelligence agencies activities
-14,200 local law enforcement agencies in 46 states now share Suspicious Activity Reports
-"NSA has a "target list" of "500,000 to a million people," ~William Binney, Former NSA

Meet your Commander in Chief:

NSA Director General Keith Alexander: A four-star Army general, chief of the Central Security Service; & commander of the US Cyber Command. As such, he has his own secret military, presiding over the Navy's 10th Fleet, the 24th Air Force, & the 2nd Army. Alexander is slated to retire in3/14. Never before has anyone in America's intelligence sphere come close to his degree of power

Every Scary, Weird Thing We Know the NSA Can Do ~Slate.com

1. It can track the numbers of both parties on a phone call, location, time and duration.
2. It can access your email, chat, and Web browsing history
3. It can set up fake Internet cafes.
4. It can spy on foreign leaders' cellphones.
5. It can tap underwater fiber-optic cables.
6. It can track bank transactions
7. It can monitor all text messages
8. It can map your social networks
9. It can access your smartphone app data.
10. It can crack cellphone encryption codes
11. It can go into online video games
12. It can hack the U.N. video conferencing system
13. It can set up listening posts on the roofs of buildings to monitor communications
14. It can hack computers that aren't connected to the Internet using radio waves
15. It can intercept phone calls by setting up fake base stations
16. It can track communication within media organizations like Al-Jazeera.
17. It can remotely access a computer by setting up a fake wireless connection
18. It can install fake SIM cards to then control a cell phone
19. It can fake a USB thumb drive that's actually a monitoring device
20. It can crack all types of sophisticated computer encryption.
21. It can intercept communications between aircraft and airports
22. It can physically intercept deliveries, open packages, and make changes to devices



"I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE EVERYTHING I SAY, EVERYTHING I DO, EVERYONE I TALK TO, EVERY EXPRESSION OF CREATIVITY AND LOVE OR FRIENDSHIP IS RECORDED." ~E. Snowden

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COTTONMOUTH-I

ANT Product Data

(TS//SI//REL) COTTONMOUTH-I (CM-I) is a Universal Serial Bus (USB) hardware implant which will provide a wireless bridge into a target network as well as the ability to load exploit software onto target PCs.

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(TS//SI//REL) CM-I will provide air-gap bridging, software persistence capability, "in-field" re-programmability, and covert communications with a host software implant over the USB. The RF link will enable command and data infiltration and exfiltration. CM-I will also communicate with Data Network Technologies (DNT) software (STRAITBIZARRE) through a covert channel implemented on the USB, using this communication channel to pass commands and data between hardware and software implants. CM-I will be a GENIE-compliant implant based on CHIMNEYPOOL.

Snowden confirms Stuxnet Malware developed by NSA & Israel together ~thehackernews.com

Stuxnet made international headlines in 2010 for specifically targeting a uranium enrichment facility in Natanz, Iran. Stuxnet was designed to make the centrifuges spin out of control and cause physical damage to the plant in Natanz. Stuxnet temporarily disabled 1,000 centrifuges that the Iranians were using to enrich uranium.

(Brief) History of NSA and US Surveillance State ~eff.org

1952: President Truman Establishes the NSA to monitor signals intelligence
1956 – 1971: Cointel Program ended when exposed by Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI
1973: Senate "Church Committee" Investigation Uncovers Illegal Domestic Spying by NSA,
1978: Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Signed Into Law, Supposedly Protecting Americans from Domestic Spying. FISA courts routinely rubberstamp requests
2001: Culture Shift at the NSA after 911 toward domestic surveillance. Ex-NSA Analyst Kirk Wiebe recalls: "everything changed at the NSA after the attacks on 9/11. The prior approach focused on complying with the FISA. The post-911 approach was that NSA could circumvent federal statutes and the Constitution as long as there was some visceral connection to looking for terrorists."
2001: President Bush Signs Order Beginning NSA's Domestic Spying Program
"23 days after the Twin Towers fell, President Bush signed off on a secret eavesdropping operation so sensitive that even many of the country's senior national security officials, people with highest security clearances in his administration, knew nothing about it." Attorney General told: "Just Sign It"
Late 2002: Telecommunications Companies Formally enter voluntarily agreements with US to give data to NSA. AT&T Technician Discovers NSA Is Working Inside AT&T Facilities
2002: Only 4 members of congress briefed including Nancy Pelosi
2003: Construction of secret room in AT&T's San Francisco facility begins
2004: Deputy Attorney General Comey, along with several top DOJ and FBI officials, plan to resign. Comey tells White House he will not sign off on another 45-day extension of NSA spying. White House extends program without Justice Dept. approval
Dec. 2005: First public exposure of NSA spying by New York Times - Exposing companies giving back door access to their communications stream.
2007: Pres. Bush determines he doesn't need to keep signing authorizations for NSA spying to continue. Justice Dept. and NSA meet to find another legal basis for spying program
2008: Senator Obama breaks promise and votes for the FISA Amendments Act
2011: NSA starts construction on massive data center in Bluffdale, Utah
2012: July 20: government admits NSA spying violated Constitution
2013: Washington Post reveals NSA internal audit showing thousands of violations. Example: NSA turns browser cookies into surveillance devices.
2014: FISA Court Renews Order Collecting All Americans' Calling Records
***2014 January 17**: President Obama makes definitive statement on spying program.*
***2014 Jan. 29:** Eric Holder to face Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on NSA*
***2014 March 17**: Gen. Keith Alexander set to retire and a new spy chief will be named*
***2014 March 28:** DOJ/ODNI proposal due on alternatives to gov't bulk collection of phone records*

USA Spying International Fallout

Brazil to create its own email system after protesting U.S. spying: Brazil says it will develop its own in-house email system to strengthen privacy and avoid spying it blames on the US. Ditching Microsoft Outlook to develop its own new, custom platform following revelations that Brazilian Pres. Dilma Rousseff's communications were monitored
Saab wins Brazil jet deal after NSA spying sours Boeing bid: Brazil awarded a $4.5 billion contract to Saab AB on Wednesday to replace its aging fleet of fighter jets, a surprise coup for the Swedish company after news of U.S. spying helped derail Boeing's chances
German Lawmaker Says Relations With US at New Low ~Associated Press
Philipp Missfelder, the foreign policy spokesman for Merkel's party, said allegations that the U.S. NSA spied on Germany have prompted a similar loss of trust between the two countries

Edward Snowden reveals NSA engaged in 'industrial espionage'

2014/1/27: NSA engaged in spying on trade secrets of competing foreign firms. "If an industrial giant has something that the NSA believes would be beneficial to the national interests, not the national security, they will go after that information and they will take it.

Top Secret America ~washingtonpost.com, Frontline

Between 2008 and 2010 the Washington Post investigated a secret world of government surveillance and corporate profit-making that exists as an "alternative geography" of the US.

- Some 1,271 government organizations and 1,931 private companies work on programs related to counterterrorism, homeland security & intelligence in 10,000 locations across the United States.
- About 854,000 people hold top-secret security clearances, nearly 1.5 times as many people as live in Washington, D.C.
- In DC and the surrounding area, 33 building complexes for top-secret intelligence work are under construction or were built since 911. Together they occupy the equivalent of almost 3 Pentagons or 22 U.S. Capitol buildings (about 17M Sqft.)
- Many security and intelligence agencies do the same work, creating redundancy and waste. For example, 51 federal organizations and military commands, operating in 15 U.S. cities, track the flow of money to and from terrorist networks.
- Data Analysts who review surveillance info publish 50,000 intelligence reports each year – a volume so large that many are routinely unread

Top Secret America, which began with an impulse to secrecy and a blank check from Congress in the days after 9/11, and which now employs nearly a million people at 1,900 private companies and 1,300 federal organizations. "These are gigantic edifices that are going to stay," Diane Reed says. You also had this boom in the corporate intelligence world as well. Companies like Lockheed Martin quickly moved into the intelligence sphere.

NSA Whistleblower: It's a Corrupt, Broken Institution ~opednews.com

NSA is one of a number of spy agencies that do not have to be subjected to audits. That makes them extremely vulnerable to corruption. Whistleblower and former high-level NSA 30 year employee William Binney says that NSA is an incredibly corrupt, broken institution and described how the corruption in the system works. "SAIC, TRW, Booz Allen, CFC There's a whole set of buildings that popped up after 911, right next to NSA, so they could be close and keep their contract influence growing. "Okay, write up the request for the proposal. I'll put it in and then you can write up the response to the proposal. Tell me how much it's going to cost," They are not audited anywhere. The government accounting office does not audit them at all. So, they have no threat of being viewed as to how they spend money.

How the NSA Threatens National Security ~Schneier.com

We have no evidence that any of this surveillance makes us safer. NSA Director responded to these stories in June by claiming that he disrupted 54 terrorist plots. In October, he revised that number downward to 13, and then to "one or two." At this point, the only "plot" prevented was that of a San Diego man sending $8,500 to support a Somali militant group. We have been repeatedly told that these surveillance programs would have been able to stop 9/11, yet the NSA didn't detect the Boston bombings - even though one of the two terrorists was on the watch list. **Bulk collection of data & metadata is an ineffective counterterrorism tool.**

Welcome to Utah, the NSA's desert home for eavesdropping on America

The NSA is constructing the largest data center in the world out in Utah. It is going to have about a million square feet of storage space, it is going to cost about 2 billion dollars to build, and it is going to take about 40 million dollars a year just to pay for the energy needed to run the facility. They reportedly have the capability of storing 5 zettabytes of data.

LEGAL TRAIL

1791 - The Bill of Rights, Including the 4th Amendment.

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

2012 - SOPA Stop Online Piracy Act, PIPA The Protect IP Act

Congressional bill to stop Internet piracy that would have severely limit Internet freedom. "January 18th, 2012 was the largest online protest in history to stop the Internet censorship bills, SOPA & PIPA. On January 20th, Congress shelved the bills indefinitely.

2013 - NDAA National Defense Authorization Act. ~ACLU

"For the first time in American history, we have a law authorizing the worldwide and indefinite military detention of people captured far from any battlefield. The NDAA has no temporal or geographic limitations. It is completely at odds with our values, violates the Constitution, and corrodes our Nation's commitment to the rule of law."

2013 - Secret Courts ~Dan Factor, Occupy Attorney

"The FISA court is not reviewable based on National Security grounds, is not open to the public, does not provide for juries, only specially appointed judges to hear applications. As such, there is an expected outcome, always on the side of the government. A recent proposal by Obama would allow a civilian "advocate", also sworn to secrecy, which would have no power to overturn any government or court decision. It is a sham, a star chamber, designed to give legitimacy to a position, engender an expected outcome, and the appearance of due process."

Since 9/11, the federal government has sought and acquired more power than at any other period in our nation's history, much of which undermines the rights afforded by the Fourth Amendment. Laws granting unprecedented police powers such as the USA Patriot Act, along with secret surveillance programs, have caused concern among many about the fundamental rights secured by this Amendment. Police raids of American homes have greatly increased. In 2006, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that evidence found by police officers who enter a home without first following the requirement to "knock and announce" can be used at trial, despite that constitutional violation. And cities across America are installing 24hr. surveillance cameras that watch your every move, and to track and record your movements

On any given day, the average American will be monitored, surveilled, spied on and tracked in more than 20 different ways, by both government and corporate eyes and ears.....

ACLU White Paper: What Criminologist and Others Studying Cameras have Found

The use of CCTY in California is dramatically on the rise. Yet preliminary studies of surveillance cameras in California show similar results to studies conducted in the UK: Cameras having little to no effect on crime reduction. The Supreme Court has battled over whether video surveillance is constitutional and should be used as evidence in criminal proceedings. In California, local ACLU chapters have further decried the possible "chilling effect" video surveillance might have on First Amendment rights, such as the freedom of assembly and the freedom speech. Additionally California is unique in that voters overwhelmingly approved a Right to Privacy amendment to the CA Constitution in 1972.

THE US IS NOW INCAPABLE OF PASSING LAWS WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CORPORATE LOBBIES THAT CONTROL THEIR CAMPAIGN FINANCES ~ALGORE

OBAMA SPY SPEECH

Obama's NSA speech: an affirmation that mass surveillance has a future

Barack Obama's rhetoric in his big surveillance speech on Friday was pleasing to privacy advocates. But the substance of his proposals for the future of mass data collection amount to a gift for the NSA. ~theguardian.com

ACLU EVALUATES AND COMPARES OBAMA'S SPEECH

What We Need	President's Review Group	USA FREEDOM Act	President Obama's Speech
An End to Bulk Collection of Our Records			
Prohibit the government's bulk collection of phone records and other sensitive data under the Patriot Act	✓	✓	✓/✗*
Require the government to obtain individualized court orders to access customer information or call records	✓	✗	✓/✗*
Prohibit so-called "three-hop" queries of Americans' call records	✗	✗	✓
An End to Dragnet Surveillance of Our Calls and Emails			
Prohibit dragnet surveillance of international communications under the FISA Amendments Act and other authorities	✗	✗	✗
Prohibit warrantless "backdoor" searches of Americans' international communications	✓	✓	✗
An End to Excessive Government Secrecy			
Publish FISA Court opinions that interpret our surveillance laws or the Constitution	✓	✓	✓
Publish statistics about the number of people surveilled under the government's various spying programs	✓	✓	?
Limit the duration of surveillance-related gag orders and strengthen court review of the gag orders	✓	✓	✓/✗**
Structural Reforms			
Add a privacy advocate to the FISA Court to defend individual privacy rights	✓	✓	✓
Strengthen the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board	✓	✓	✗
Enhance cybersecurity by requiring the NSA to support rather than undermine encryption standards	✓	✗	✗

* The president signaled his intent to end the government's holding of bulk phone metadata, but he has yet to propose an alternative or to address other bulk collection programs.

** The president proposed time limitations on gag orders but no additional court review.

In the key points of his speech, Obama said:

• The government will no longer store the phone call information of millions of Americans. The intelligence community has 60 days to come up with options for what entity will store this data

• Intelligence agencies must apply to the secret FISA court for judicial approval to access Americans' phone records.

• The secret FISA court should be reformed to include a panel of independent advocates to provide a voice in "significant cases".

• The NSA won't spy on heads of state and governments of allies, and said some protections would be given to foreign citizens whose communications were caught in the dragnet

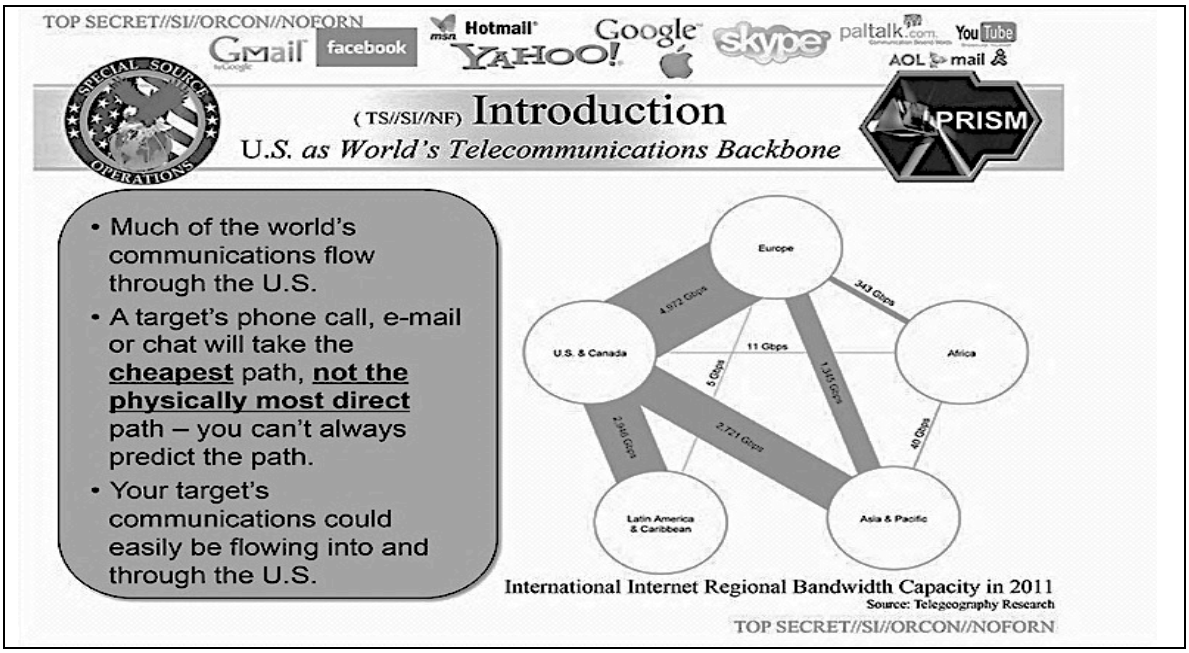
The Findings of the President's own Review Group on Intelligence & Comm. 1/16/14

"NSA bulk surveillance programs had no discernable impact on preventing acts of terror"

CYBER SECURITY AND NET NEUTRALITY

Circuit Court Of Appeals Strikes Down FCC's Open Internet Order, Net Neutrality Threatened ~techcrunch.com

In a decision that could have far-reaching consequences, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals today struck down the FCC's Open Internet Order. That Order, put into force in 2010 was designed to make it so that broadband service providers couldn't meddle with specific kinds of Internet traffic. So they couldn't block certain kinds of online data transmission just because it didn't align with their own goals and financial strategy. Free Press: "Its ruling means that Internet users will be pitted against the biggest phone and cable companies. In the absence of any oversight, these companies can now block and discriminate against their customers' communications at will."



Big Data age puts privacy in question, as information becomes currency

This month, the US chain Wal-Mart bought the startup Social Calendar, one of the most popular calendar apps on Facebook. In one recent high-profile example, a Minneapolis man discovered his teenage daughter was pregnant because coupons for baby food and clothing were arriving at his address from the US superstore Target. ~Theguadian.com

Google: don't expect privacy when sending to Gmail ~thegaurdian.com

Google makes claim in court filing in attempt to head off class action lawsuit. People sending email to any of Google's 425M Gmail users have no "reasonable expectation" that their communications are confidential, the Internet giant has said in a court filing uncovered by Consumer Watchdog. Critics called the revelation a "stunning admission." This comes as Google is under pressure to explain their role in the NSA's mass surveillance of US citizens

Ukraine texts citizens: Hey, we see you're in a mass disturbance

During the protests in Kiev, the Ukrainian government uses phone technology to identify those anywhere near the antigovernment marches. The texts say: "Dear subscriber, you are registered as a participant in a mass disturbance." ~news.cnet.com

SPOOKY BUSINESS: A NEW REPORT ON CORPORATE ESPIONAGE AGAINST NON-PROFITS ~Essential Information.org

Giant corporations are employing highly unethical or illegal tools of espionage against nonprofit organizations with near impunity. The report, titled Spooky Business, documents how corporations hire shady investigative firms staffed with former employees of the CIA, NSA, US military, FBI, Secret Service and local police departments to target nonprofit organizations. Corporations and their trade associations have been linked to a wide variety of espionage tactics against nonprofit organizations. The most prevalent tactic appears to be infiltration by posing a volunteer or journalist, to obtain information from a nonprofit. Many of these tactics are either highly unethical or illegal. "Today, most large corporations possess their own internal intelligence capabilities. There is an institutionalized security and intelligence function within every major company. **A few giant corporations, such as Wal-Mart, have essentially replicated in miniature an entire CIA directorate of intelligence for their own private use."**

Former Wal-Mart Worker Blows Whistle on Company Surveillance Operation

A former worker at Wal-Mart is claiming the retail giant is running a sophisticated surveillance operation that targets employees, journalists, stockholders and critics. Bruce Gabbard told the Wall Street Journal he was part of a broader surveillance operation run out of Wal-Mart's Arkansas headquarters. Employees nicknamed their work area "The Bat Cave." Gabbard also revealed that Wal-Mart infiltrated the group Up Against the Wal last year by sending a long-haired employee wearing a wireless microphone to one of the group's meetings. ~democracynow.org

Techniques used against Greenpeace by Private spy firm BBI

Brown Beckett International (BBI): Spied on Greenpeace and other environmental organizations from the 1990s - 2000, and produced intelligence reports for public relations firms and major corporations involved in environmental controversies ~Motherjones.com

1. Infiltration: Sending 'volunteers' and 'donors' with wires
2. False Pretenses: Posing as a donor to tour offices
3. Pilfered documents from dumpster diving
4. Wire tapping, obtaining phone records
5. Electronic surveillance of all kinds

Your Company

BBI spied on nursing home activists who wanted improved conditions at a Maryland nursing home

Ford Exec Retracts Statements About Tracking Drivers With GPS In Their Cars

"We know everyone who breaks the law, we know when you're doing it. We have GPS in your car, so we know what you're doing." ~BusinessInsider.com

Money Trail: Corporations Paid Big Bucks By NSA For Allowing Spying

The AP and U.S. Senator Elect Ed Markey (D-Massachusetts) discovered that the companies get paid when the NSA spies on one of their customers. Verizon charges Uncle Sam a $775 "activation fee" to set up a wiretap and $500 a month to keep the tap up and running. Since Verizon reportedly gets a quarter of a million requests for wiretaps each month, it's easy to see how this cash can add up. ~storyleak.com

U.S. Agencies Said to Swap Data With Thousands of Firms ~Bloomberg.com

Thousands of technology, finance and manufacturing companies are working closely with U.S. national security agencies, providing sensitive information and in return receiving benefits that include access to classified intelligence

The Militarization of Policing in America ~ACLU.org

American neighborhoods are increasingly being policed by cops armed with the weapons and tactics of war. Federal funding in the billions of dollars has allowed state and local police departments to gain access to weapons and tactics created for overseas combat theaters – and yet very little is known about exactly how many police departments have military weapons and training, how militarized the police have become, and how extensively federal money is incentivizing this trend.

- A county sheriff's dept. in SC has an armored vehicle dubbed *"The Peacemaker,"* which shoots weapons the US Army specifically refrains from using on people.
- 2 Swat teams shut down a neighborhood in CO for 4 hours to search for a man suspected of stealing a bicycle from Wal-Mart
- North Dakota police borrowed a $154 Million Predator drone from Homeland Security to arrest a family who refused to return 6 stray cows

ACLU Launches Nationwide Investigation into Police Use of Military Technology & Tactics
With almost 13,000 agencies in all 50 states and 4 U.S. territories participating in a military "recycling" program, community police forces across the country continue to be morphed into outposts of the military, acquiring military-grade hardware designed for the battlefield
~John W. Whitehead, Huffington Post

INVASION OF THE DRONES. As corporations and government agencies alike prepare for their part in the coming drone invasion--it is expected that at least 30,000 drones will occupy U.S. airspace by 2020, ushering in a $30 billion per year industry. Congress already directed the FAA to find a safe way for drones to fly for commercial purposes by 2015.

The Special Ops Surge In 134 Countries

Since 9/11, U.S. Special Operations forces have grown in every conceivable way, from their numbers to their budget. Most telling, however, has been the exponential rise in special ops deployments globally. Currently in nearly 80% of the world's nations. ~truthdig.com

Los Angeles: Historically, where police tactics are tested and honed

Reasons:
-Largest homeless population in US.
-Diversity & size of immigrant population
-Diversity of urban geography for field-test
-Large black population centered in specific neighborhoods
-Epicenter of activism dating back to union organizing at the ports
-Sheer size of the city
-Isolation of neighborhoods within city
-Willing collaboration of LAPD

Evidence:
-Development of SWAT Teams under LAPD commissioner Daryl Gates
-Leading city in use of military equipment and militarization of forces
-Operation Hammer: 1987 crime crackdown featuring racial profiling
-Special Order 1 tested here
-US Marine Corp sent 70 officers to LAPD to learn Counter Insurgency tactics, which were then used in Iraq